

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Nowak, et al.
Serial No.: 10/644,271
For: A BALL VALVE
Filed: August 20, 2003
Examiner: Tuan N. Nguyen
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Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated December 30, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

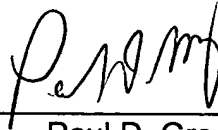
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------|---|------------------|------------|-----|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | |
| Total Claims | 9 | Minus | 20 | 0 | x \$50.00 | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | Minus | 3 | 0 | x \$200.00 | \$0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE | | | | x \$360.00 = \$ | | |
| TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES | | | | \$0.00 | | |
| 1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY | | | | \$N/A | | |

X Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form;

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$180.00.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

March 24, 2005
Date



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON March 24, 2005.

Leslie Moscatello
NAME


SIGNATURE

3/24/05
DATE